

Becket Board of Health Meeting
Wednesday, August 19th, 2015
Town Hall, 557 Main Street, Becket Ma.01223

Board Members present: Gale LaBelle, Laurel Burgwardt, Howard Lerner.

Board Members absent: None

Public Present: Robert Ronzio, Danny Andrews

Meeting is opened at 10:05 am.

Ms. LaBelle opens the meeting at 10:05 stating the date and time. Ms. LaBelle advises that there are agendas on the table for anyone who wants them.

Ms. LaBelle advises that this meeting is being held in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws regarding Public Health and the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the bylaws of Town of Becket. All decisions require approval of a majority of the quorum of the Board of Health members present. Motions ending in a tie will not be acted upon until such a time as a majority can be achieved. In unusual cases the Rule of Necessity may be invoked to reach a decision.

Ms. LaBelle goes on to introduce the board members present. Ms. LaBelle explains the Open Meeting Law, MGL c. 30A subsection 20, and asks if anyone in the audience is going to make an audio or video recording of this meeting, hearing none, she moves the meeting ahead.

Lastly, Ms. LaBelle advises the public present that it is the intention of the board to proceed with the posted agenda in the order in which the items are listed, and again reminds all present that agendas are available for anyone who wants one. Ms. LaBelle advises that everyone has the right to attend this meeting and observe the board as it deliberates but the public does not have the right to speak out or participate as they see fit.

Approval of Meeting Minutes- Meeting minutes are tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

Old Business- Board to continue review: Is a Title V Inspector / Board of Health member need to be present?

Mr. Lerner states that this is not necessary due to the fact that all Title V Inspectors are licensed professionals. Mr. Lerner also advises that all the Board of Health witness is verifying is that the inspector has in fact showed up. Mr. Lerner states that he feels that the money could be spent better elsewhere.

Mr. Lerner makes a motion, stating effective immediately, the Board of Health will no longer require a member to be present to witness a Title V Test.

Ms. Burgwardt states that they are a new Board of Health and are trying to do things the right way. Member of the public, Danny Andrews states that having a witness is always a good idea and it provides extra security in many situations. Mr. Lerner states that this is not always the case, specifically citing 422 Bonney Rigg Road, further explaining that the owner was advised that he should have had a conditional pass that would require a repair rather than a complete new system to be installed. Mr. Ronzio advises that in the past, the Board has had a lot of issues and that is why it is so important that they have a good health agent. Ms. LaBelle advises the Board that she feels that more research needs to be done on this topic and she would like to know how many Towns in Berkshire County have BOH members witness all their Title V's. Ms. LaBelle states that she will do some more research and the topic can be revisited at the September 2nd meeting.

New Business-

Community Calendar- Board members review the community calendar, cost of advertising, etc. Ms. LaBelle states that she thinks that it is for a good cause and that she would like to go ahead and advertise in it. Mr. Lerner disagrees, explaining that the calendar is being put forward by the church and is considered fundraising. Mr. Lerner makes a motion to deny the request to participate as an advertiser, Ms. LaBelle seconds the motion, Ms. Burgwardt recuses herself, the motion passes. The Board of Health will not participate with the Community Calendars.

Public Input- Member of the public, Mr. Danny Andrews approaches the Board and advises that he is in attendance today because he needs an installer's license as well as two permits. Ms. LaBelle advises Mr. Andrews that his request has already been approved.

Mr. Bob Ronzio asks about the property that has been discussed on numerous occasions, regarding the well on the property that needs to be capped. The secretary advises that she has sent out a certified letter to the property owner as previously discussed by the Board of Health.

Mr. Ronzio also advises that North Beach and Boat Beach both had beach failures however they are both now ok. Mr. Lerner also advises that Camp Chimney Corners also failed.

Mr. Ronzio asks the Board members to re-open the discussion on beach fees. He suggests that the beach fees should be dropped so that the full responsibility falls to the beach owner/operator.

Ms. LaBelle makes a motion to table the discussion on fees until the Public Hearing is scheduled, Ms. Burgwardt seconds the motion; Unanimous Approval.

Plans for the Board members to review:

307 Friar Tuck- Scott reviewed and approved.

161 Captain Whitney Road- New plans, reviewed and approved.

862 Moberg Road- Approved.

124 Silver Leaf- Approved.

53 Fox Hollow Scott has reviewed and approved.

132 Mystic Isle Way

Laurel briefly reviews her list with members present:

66 Woodsman's Path- pass Title V

253 Longbow Lane-pass Title V

325 Friar Tuck Drive- pass Title V

132 Mystic Isle Way- failed Title V.

593 Woodmere Drive-pass Title V.

693 George Carter Road- Conditional pass/need to replace D box.

102 Longbow East-pass Title V

347 Big Bass Lane- currently on hold/ waiting for a machine to dig.

Board members briefly discuss tight tanks, Ms. Burgwardt answers questions as they are asked of her.

Budget- Read and Reviewed

Correspondence- Ms. Burgwardt advises that she has researched the inspection to be done at 420 Wells Road, as it is mandatory to do for Berkshire Housing.

